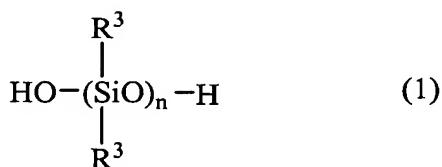


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A room temperature curable organopolysiloxane composition for molding purposes, comprising:

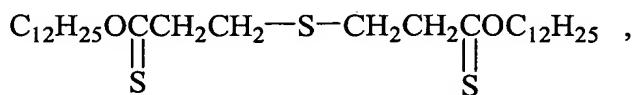
(a) 100 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane represented by a general formula (I):



wherein, R³ groups are identical or different and represent either one of an unsubstituted and a substituted monovalent hydrocarbon group, and n represents an integer of at least 2,

(b) 0.5 to 20 parts by weight of a compound selected from a group consisting of organosilanes comprising at least three hydrolyzable groups bonded to silicon atoms within a single molecule, and organosiloxanes comprising at least three hydrolyzable groups bonded to silicon atoms within a single molecule,

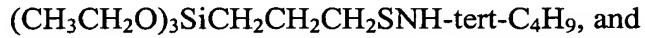
(c) 0.1 to 20 parts by weight of an at least one organic compound incorporating at least one sulfur atom in a single molecule, and which organic compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of diphenyl sulfide, allylphenyl sulfide, diphenyl disulfide, benzothiazoyl disulfide, dimethyl xanthogen disulfide, diphenyl trisulfides, ~~thiol compounds~~, 2-mercaptoponaphthalene, octadecane thiol, 2,2'-(ethylenedithio)diethane thiol, monothiocarboxylate esters, thiophene carboxylate esters, 2-(4-morpholinylidithio)benzothiazol, a compound represented by the formula:



a compound represented by the formula:



a compound represented by the formula:



(d) an effective quantity of a curing catalyst.

Claim 2 (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein in said general formula (1) representing said constituent (a), each R³ represents, independently, any one of an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a cycloalkyl group, an aryl group, an aralkyl group, and a halogen substituted alkyl group.

Claim 3 (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein in said general formula (1) representing said constituent (a), n represents an integer with an average value of 100 to 1000.

Claim 4 (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein said hydrolyzable groups of said constituent (b) are any one of alkoxy groups, acyloxy groups, alkenyloxy groups, iminoxy groups, amino groups, amide groups and aminoxy groups.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein said constituent (d) is any one of a metal salt of an organic acid, a titanate ester, a titanium chelate compound, and a mixture thereof.

Claim 7 (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein for 100 parts by weight of said constituent (a) there exist 1 to 10 parts by weight of said constituent (b), 0.5 to 10 parts by weight of said constituent (c), and 0.1 to 5 parts by weight of said constituent (d).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 1, wherein said organic compound incorporating at least one sulfur atom of said constituent (c) is ~~a thiol compound, 2-mercaptoponaphthalene, octadecane thiol, 2,2'-(ethylenedithio)diethane thiol, a thioglycolate ester, a mercaptopropionate ester, a thiophene carboxylate ester, or a combination of two or more compounds thereof.~~

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 8, wherein said organic compound incorporating at least one sulfur atom of said constituent (c) is ~~a thiol compound, and the thiol compound is~~ 2-mercaptoponaphthalene, octadecane thiol, 2,2'-(ethylenedithio)diethane thiol or a combination of two or more thereof.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 8, wherein said organic compound incorporating at least one sulfur atom of said constituent (c) is a thioglycolate ester, and the thioglycolate ester is octyl thioglycolate, dibutyl tin bisoctyl thioglycolate, dioctyl tin bisisoctyl thioglycolate, trimethylolpropane tristhioglycolate, pentaerythritol tetrakis(thioglycolate), or a combination of two or more thereof.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 8, wherein said organic compound incorporating at least one sulfur atom of said constituent (c) is a mercaptopropionate ester, and the mercaptopropionate ester is octyl-3-mercaptopropionate,

dibutyl tin bisnonyl-3-mercaptopropionate, pentaerythritol tetrakisdodecyl-3-mercaptopropionate, or a combination of two or more thereof.

Claim 12 (Original): The composition according to claim 8, wherein said organic compound incorporating at least one sulfur atom of said constituent (c) is a thiophene carboxylate ester, and the thiophene carboxylate ester is a thiophene-2-carboxylate ester, a thiophene-3-carboxylate ester, or a combination of two or more thereof.

Claim 13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein said organic compound incorporating at least one sulfur atom of said constituent (c) is a monothiocarboxylate ester, and the monothiocarboxylate ester is a thioglycolate ester, a mercaptopropionate ester, or a combination of two or more thereof.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1, 8 and 9 have been amended by deleting from component (c) thiol compounds broadly, while retaining particular thiol compounds as recited in Claim 9.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. Claims 1-4, 6-12 and 14 remain pending in the application.